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Rainfall and cool weather in some parts of the province last week has halted field work and pushed back the start of seeding. The east-central and southeastern regions received the greatest amount of precipitation, with some areas recording between 20 and 42 mm since April 10. Many of these areas are experiencing very wet field conditions.

Most crop districts are reporting that the majority of crop land has adequate topsoil moisture; however, there are many acres of crop land around Yorkton with surplus topsoil moisture.

A majority of crop districts are reporting adequate hay land and pasture topsoil moisture conditions, with some areas in a surplus situation.

In most crop districts, livestock producers have adequate or surplus supplies of livestock feed.

Farmers are busy calving, cleaning grain, applying pre-emergent soil herbicides and working the fields.

## **Southeastern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 1, 2, and 3ASE)**

Most crop reporters are indicating adequate cropland, hay land and pasture topsoil moisture conditions. Some regions had a significant rainfall on April 13 that has pushed back fieldwork and seeding due to very wet fields. The Rocanville area reported the greatest amount of precipitation at 42 mm.

Sixty-two per cent of the crop reporters are indicating adequate forage supplies, and seventy-one per cent are indicating adequate feed grain supplies.

There have been reports of fertilizer shortages and increasing prices. There are also reports of farmers planning to begin seeding next week (April 23). Farmers are busy checking equipment, cleaning grain, picking rocks and starting pre-seeding fieldwork.

**One year ago**  
Excess moisture  
delayed seeding  
on the eastern side  
of the province.

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### **Southwestern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 3ASW, 3AN, 3B and 4)**

Seventy-nine per cent of crop reporters are reporting adequate cropland topsoil moisture conditions, while sixty-two per cent are reporting adequate hay land and pasture topsoil moisture conditions. The Consul area received the greatest amount of precipitation (3.8 mm), while the rest of the southwestern region received only trace amounts. The majority of crop reporters are indicating that moisture is needed to recharge the topsoil.

Most of the crop reporters are reporting adequate supplies of forage and feed grain. There are areas around Swift Current that have a significant amount of feed left over from the winter.

There have been reports of seeding beginning in some areas, although the recent cooler weather has slowed it down. There are indications that producers in the majority of the region will begin seeding next week.

Farmers are calving, picking rocks, preparing fields for seeding and working water runs.

### **East-Central Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 5 and 6a)**

The region received a significant rainfall on April 13, with the Saltcoats and Goodeve areas reporting the greatest amount of precipitation at 21 mm and 20 mm, respectively. Most crop reporters have indicated that it will be another 10 to 14 days before any fieldwork can begin due to the excess moisture.

Fifty-nine per cent of crop reporters are indicating adequate cropland topsoil moisture conditions, and sixty-three per cent are reporting adequate hay land and pasture topsoil moisture conditions.

Most crop reporters are reporting adequate forage and feed grain supplies, with some areas having a large carryover.

There have been reports of increasing urea prices, although most fertilizer and input supplies are sufficient. Farmers are attending auctions, working on equipment, hauling grain and calving.

### **West-Central Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 6B and 7)**

Trace amounts of precipitation were reported and most crop reporters have indicated that moisture and warm weather are needed before seeding can begin. Sixty-three per cent of crop reporters are reporting adequate cropland topsoil moisture conditions, while only fifty-one per cent are indicating adequate hay land and pasture topsoil moisture conditions.

Most crop reporters have indicated that forage and feed grain supplies are adequate. There have been reports of pea seed and fertilizer shortages and increases in urea prices. Farmers are calving, getting fields ready for seeding and hauling grain.

### **Northeastern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 8 and 9AE)**

Most of the region received significant rainfall over the weekend, with the Nipawin area recording 22 mm. The area has received 90 mm of precipitation since April 1. Eighty-one per cent of the crop reporters have indicated adequate cropland topsoil moisture conditions; eighty-eight per cent have reported adequate hay land and pasture topsoil moisture conditions.

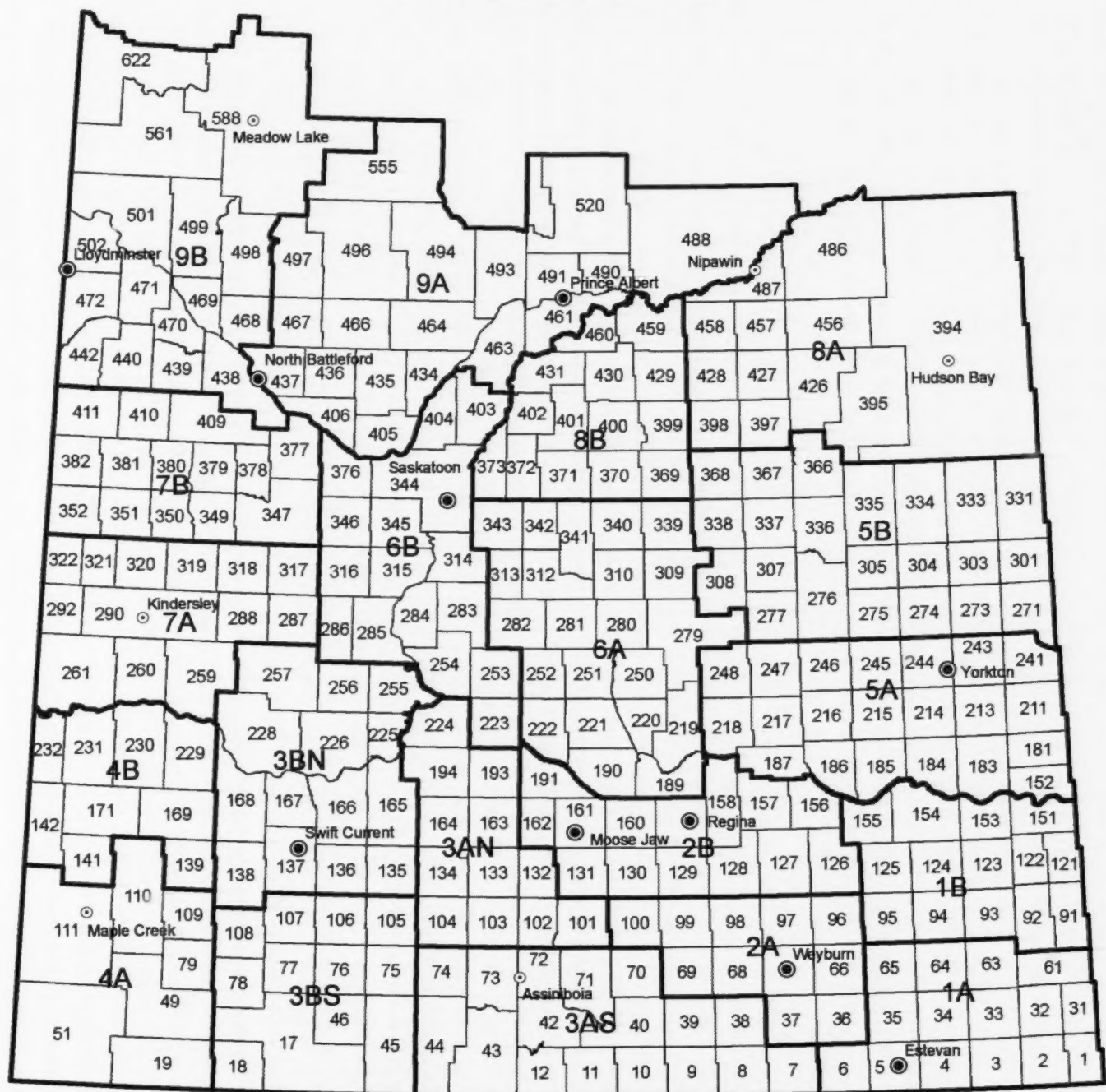
The majority of crop reporters have reported that forage and feed grain supplies are adequate with some carryover. The supply of inputs and seed is adequate and the cool, wet weather has delayed fieldwork. Farmers are getting equipment ready, cleaning grain and calving.

### **Northwestern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 9AW and 9B)**

The majority of the region received trace amounts of precipitation, with the Turtleford area reporting 10 mm of rainfall this past week. Most of the area is experiencing a shortage of both cropland and hay land and pasture topsoil moisture. Crop reporters have indicated that moisture and warmer weather is needed before seeding time.

Very little fieldwork has been completed to date, but crop reporters are indicating that some fieldwork and seeding will begin in the coming week. There have been reports of canola, pea, barley and oat seed shortages. Farmers are busy calving, getting equipment ready and harrowing.

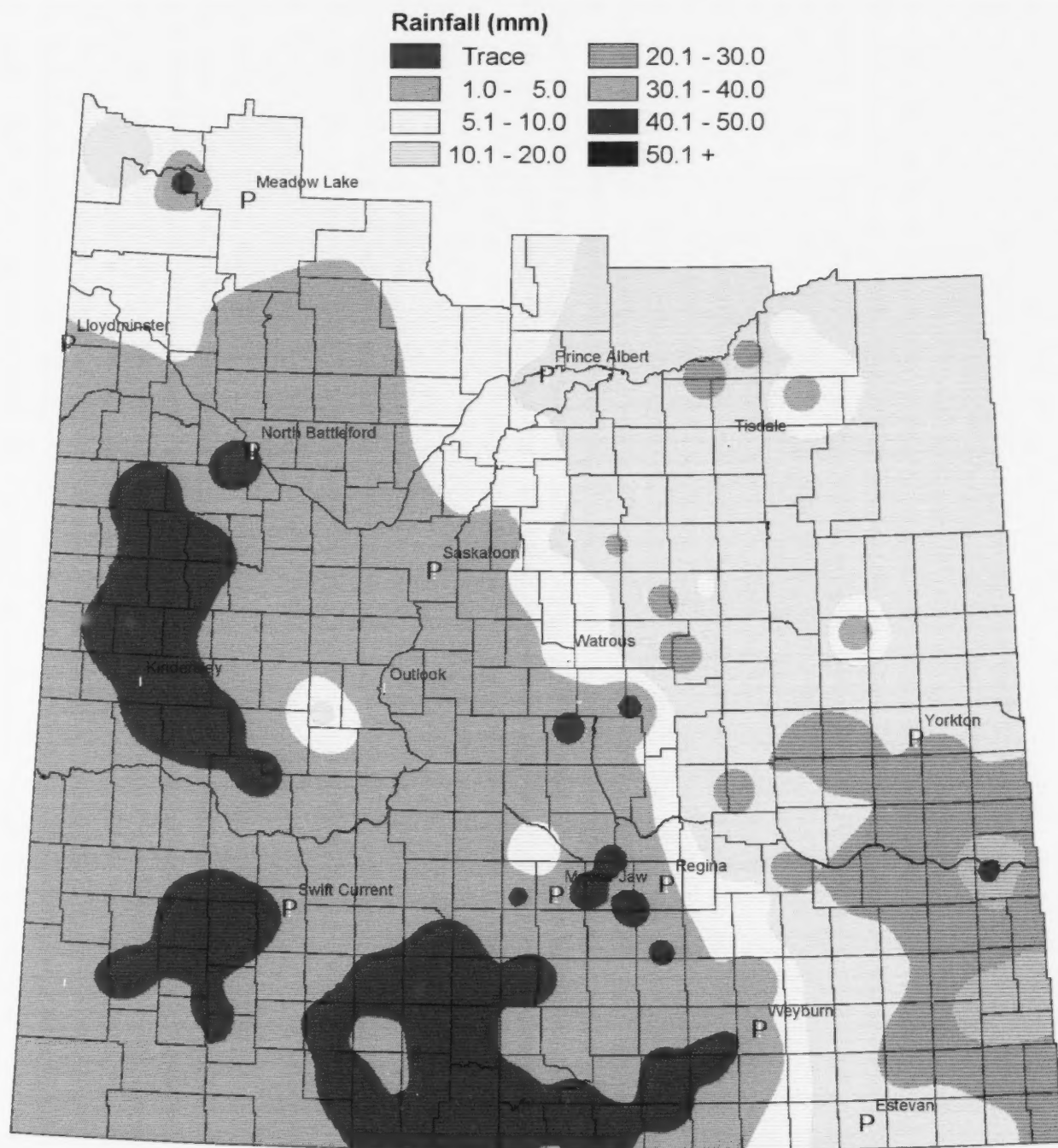
# Crop Districts and Rural Municipalities in Saskatchewan





# Weekly Rainfall

## for the week ending April 16, 2012



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Prepared by: Geomatics Services Date: April 18, 2012

# Weekly Rainfall Summary

(in millimeters)

1 inch = 25 mm

for the period April 10 to 16, 2012

Crop Dist.	R.M. No.	Name	Past Week	Since 1-Apr	Crop Dist.	R.M. No.	Name	Past Week	Since 1-Apr	Crop Dist.	R.M. No.	Name	Past Week	Since 1-Apr
1A	1	Argyle	21	23	4A	19	Frontier	2.5	18	7B	347 A	Bigger	2	16
	2	Mount Pleasant	19	29		49 A	White Valley	N/A	N/A		347 B	Bigger	N/A	N/A
	3	Enniskillen	16	26		49 B	White Valley	N/A	N/A		350 A	Mariposa	NIL	NIL
	33	Moose Creek	N/A	N/A		51	Reno	3.8	12		350 B	Mariposa	NIL	6
	34	Browning	N/A	N/A		79	Arlington	3	13		351	Progress	1	5
	61 A	Antler	N/A	N/A		109	Carmichael	1	6		352	Heart's Hill	N/A	N/A
	61 B	Antler	N/A	NIL		110	Papoi	NIL	5		377	Glenfield	3	15
	63	Moose Mountain	30	43		111	Maple Creek	N/A	N/A		378 A	Rosemount	N/A	13
	64	Brook	2.5	41	4B	139	Gull Lake	NIL	5		378 B	Rosemount	2	14
	65	Tecumseh	14	21		141	Big Stick	3	8		379	Reford	NIL	9
1B	91	Maryfield	35	35		142	Enterprise	3	6		381	Grass Lake	N/A	N/A
	92	Welpole	37.5	44		189	Pittville	N/A	N/A		409 A	Buffalo	N/A	8
	95	Golden West	15	40		231	Happyland	N/A	NIL		409 B	Buffalo	N/A	4
	122	Marlin	N/A	NIL	5A	183	Fertile Belt	N/A	20		410	Round Valley	NIL	NIL
	123	Silverwood	27	37		186	Abernethy	17	48		411	Senlac	N/A	3
	124	Kingsley	23	38		211	Churchbridge	24	30	8A	395	Porcupine	N/A	61
	151 A	Rocanville	42	54		213	Saltcoats	22	50		397	Barrier Valley	11.8	32
	151 B	Rocanville	28	34		214	Cana	N/A	N/A		428	Star City	17	52
	153	Willowdale	N/A	N/A		218	Tullymet	12	52		456	Arborefield	3	70
	154	Eldoap	20	42		217	Lipton	24	55		457	Connaught	N/A	50
	155	Wolsley	28	66		241	Calder	14	19		458	Willow Creek	22	36
2A	66	Griffin	N/A	N/A		243	Wallace	N/A	12		486	Moose Range	8	41
	67	Weyburn	2	9		245 A	Garry	N/A	N/A		487	Nipawin	22	90
	68	Brokenhead	NIL	15		245 B	Garry	23	77	8B	369	St. Peter	10	35
	69	Norton	N/A	N/A		245 C	Garry	27.5	68		370	Humboldt	22	30
	97	Wellington	2	15		246	Ituna Bon Accord	24	78		371	Bayne	11	17
2B	127 A	Francis	10.5	36		247	Kelsoes	18	63		372	Grant	2.6	14
	127 B	Francis	6	15		248	Touchwood	N/A	18		402	Fish Creek	5	16
	129	Bratt's Lake	0.5	19	5B	271	Cole	13	34		429	Field's Springs	13	24
	156	Indian Head	26	55		278 A	Foam Lake	N/A	N/A		459	Kinistino	12	25
	160 A	Pense	NIL	10		278 B	Foam Lake	N/A	50	8AE	480	Birch Hills	N/A	N/A
	160 B	Pense	1	15		277	Emerald	18	88		481	Prince Albert	10.3	30
	161	Moose Jaw	NIL	12		305	Invermay	2	38		488	Torch River	N/A	N/A
	162	Caron	0.7	21		307	Elroy	19	83		491	Buckland	N/A	21
3ASE	101	Marquis	10	10		308	Big Oull	24	62	9AW	406	Mayfield	3	21
	38 A	Laurier	NIL	15		333 A	Clayton	13.8	48		435	Redberry	N/A	N/A
	38 B	Laurier	N/A	16		334	Prossville	N/A	20		436	Douglas	2	18
	39 A	The Gap	NIL	25		336	Sasman	18	93		483	Duck Lake	10	23
	39 B	The Gap	NIL	20		337	Lakeview	18	50		484	Leask	N/A	15
3ASW	10	Happy Valley	NIL	22		338	Lakeside	8	49		487 A	Round Hill	2	16
	12	Poplar Valley	N/A	12		366	Kelvington	15	77		487 B	Round Hill	1	17
	40	Bengough	NIL	3	8A	189	Lumsden	N/A	N/A		494	Carwood	N/A	N/A
	42	Willow Bunch	NIL	12		190 A	Dufferin	2	19		497	Medstead	N/A	13
	43	Old Post	NIL	5		190 B	Dufferin	N/A	10	9B	438	Battle River	NIL	13
	44	Waverley	12.5	22		190 C	Dufferin	NIL	21		440	Hildesdale	2	2
	70	Key West	5	5		190 D	Dufferin	N/A	29		442	Manitou Lake	2.7	3
	71	Excel	N/A	N/A		219	Longlakeston	N/A	27		488 A	Meota	N/A	N/A
	73 A	Stonehenge	NIL	NIL		220	Moldtop	2	27		488 B	Meota	N/A	N/A
	73 B	Stonehenge	N/A	15		221	Samia	N/A	17		498 A	Parkdale	3	25
	74	Wood River	NIL	8		222	Craik	2	20		498 B	Parkdale	N/A	11
3AN	101	Ternell	1	22		251	Big Arm	NIL	22		499	Mervin	5.5	18
	102	Lake Johnston	NIL	14		252	Arm River	1	7		501 A	Frenchman Butte	10	22
	103	Sutton	NIL	10		279	Mount Hope	NIL	20		501 B	Frenchman Butte	5	10
	104	Gravelbourg	N/A	NIL		282	McCraney	N/A	NIL		501 C	Frenchman Butte	N/A	2
	132	Hillborough	1	15		309	Prairie Rose	N/A	N/A		561	Loon Lake	6	12
	134	Shamrock	NIL	10		313	Lost River	2	6		588 A	Meadow Lake	5	14
	164	Chaplin	N/A	N/A		339	Leroy	22.6	61		588 B	Meadow Lake	NIL	26
	193 A	Eyebrow	1	13		340	Wolverine	7	15		588 C	Meadow Lake	8	13
	193 B	Eyebrow	N/A	13		341	Viscount	7	10		588 D	Meadow Lake	9	16
	194	Enfield	N/A	5		343	Blucher	4	17		622	Beaver River	13	17
3BS	17	Val Marie	N/A	40	8B	283	Rosedale	2	7					
	18	Lone Tree	N/A	N/A		284	Rudy	2	8					
	45	Mankota	NIL	19		285	Fertile Valley	1	9					
	75 A	Pinto Creek	N/A	N/A		286	Milden	11	11					
	75 B	Pinto Creek	3	15		314	Dundum	3	10					
	76 A	Auvergne	1	9		344	Corman Park	1	14					
	76 B	Auvergne	NIL	10		348	Perdue	N/A	18					
	77	Wise Creek	3	22		376 A	Eagle Creek	2	16					
	78 A	Grassy Creek	NIL	11		376 B	Eagle Creek	2	20					
	78 B	Grassy Creek	2	22		403	Rothen	N/A	1					
	78 C	Grassy Creek	NIL	10	7A	259	Snipe Lake	0.1	9					
	105	Glenbair	NIL	11		260 A	Newcombe	N/A	6					
	106	Whiska Creek	1	10		260 B	Newcombe	N/A	3					
	107	Lac Pelletier	3	16		267	St. Andrews	N/A	13					
	108	Bone Creek	1	9		288	Pleasant Valley	1	13					
3BN	138	Webb	NIL	9		290 A	Kindersley	NIL	NIL					
	166	Excelsior	1	16		290 B	Kindersley	N/A	N/A					
	167	Sask. Landing	1	9		292	Milton	3	9					
	168	Riverside	N/A	15		317 A	Marmott	N/A	N/A					
	228	Victory	N/A	N/A		317 B	Marmott	N/A	17					
	228	Lacadena	N/A	N/A		318	Mountain View	3	16					
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						321	Prairieville	NIL	8					

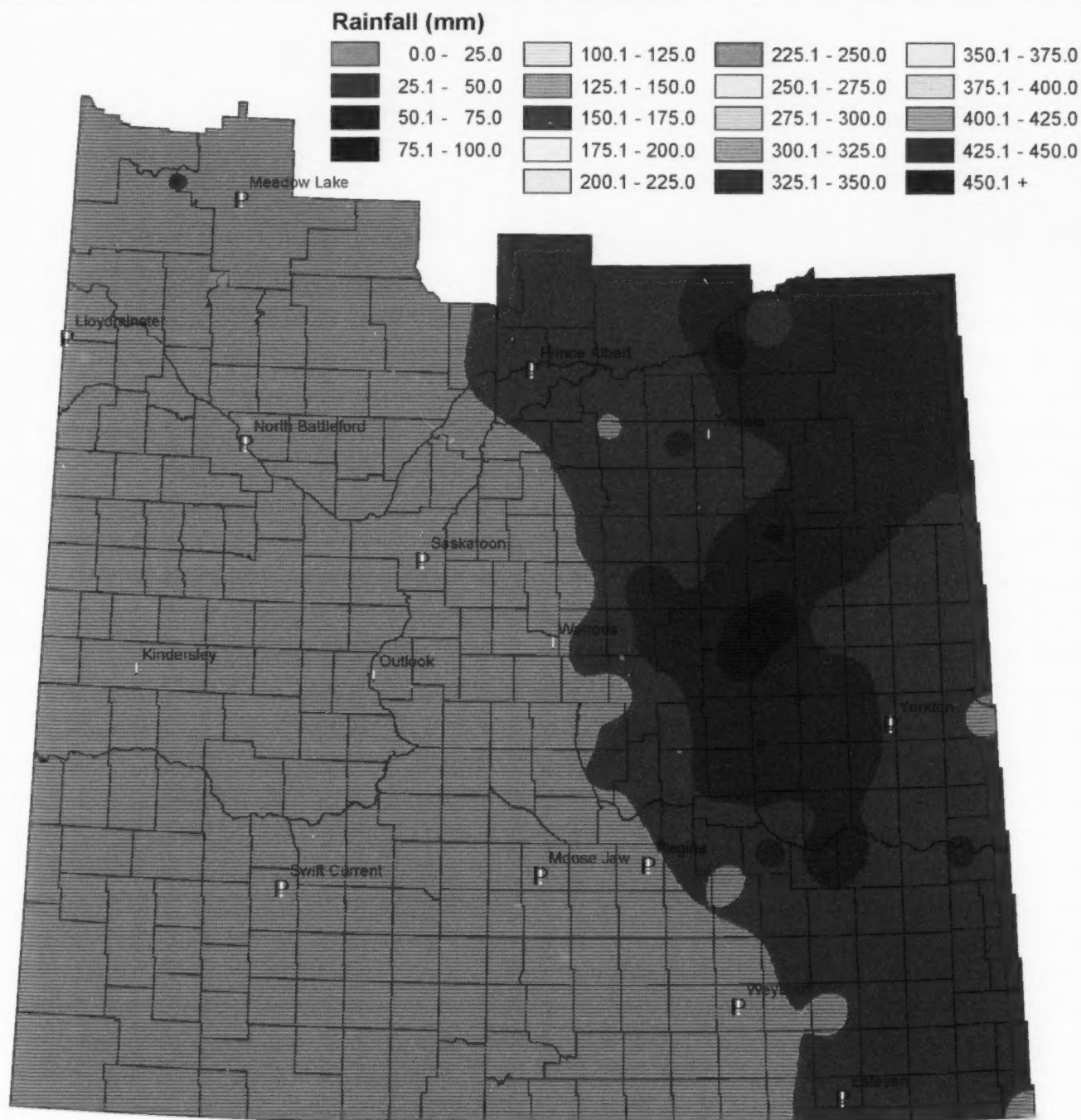
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These precipitation amounts represent point locations within each municipality and do not necessarily reflect the whole R. M.

# Cumulative Rainfall

From: April 1, 2012

To: April 16, 2012



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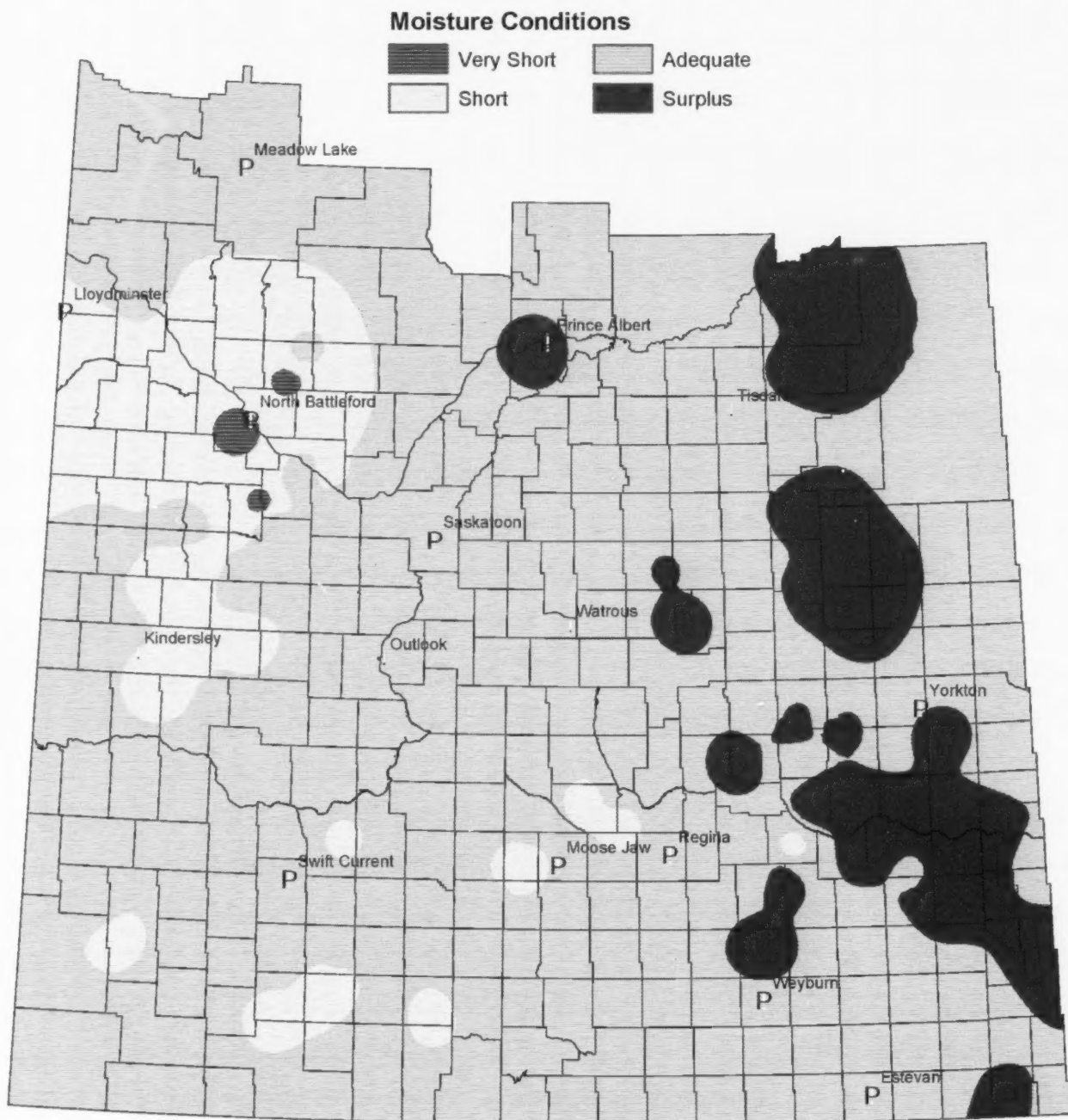
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# Cropland Topsoil Moisture Conditions

April 17, 2012



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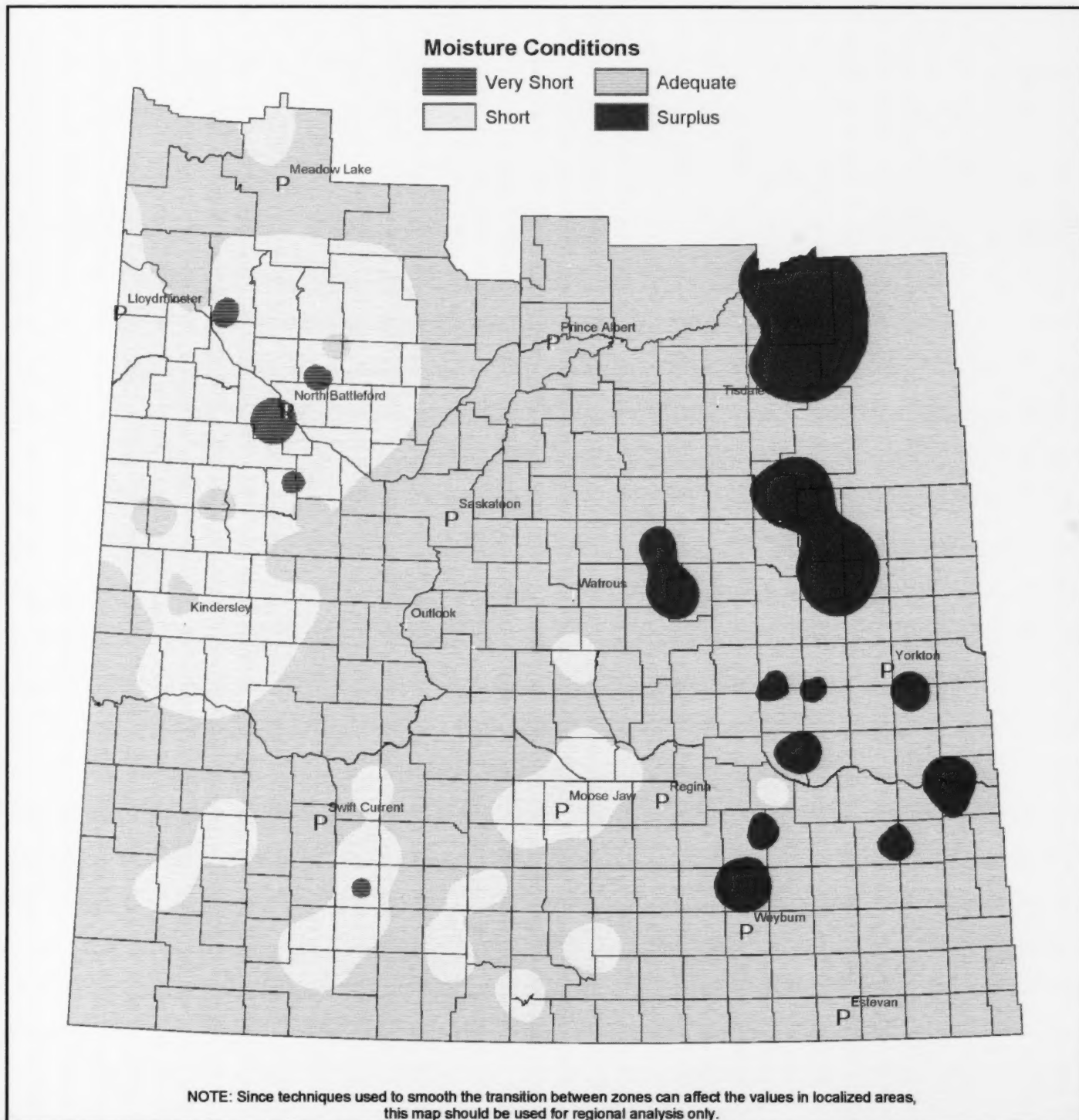
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# Hay and Pasture Topsoil Moisture Conditions

## April 17, 2012



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